SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK 2022

June 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 8, 2022 by Chairman Doug Sorensen. Others attending: Gary VanAernam, Rick Thompson, Lisa Frederiksen, Becky Marten, Miranda Bills, Chris Swensen, Mitch Rydl, Deb Campbell Tyler Thygesen, Bill Cramer. Those participating through Zoom were Chad of Motorola and Nancy Hettmann, Keri McMahon and Jace Miller of Heartland Business Solutions.

Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve the agenda with emergency addition of Heartland Business Solutions and Auditor's administrative recount for Precinct 2. Vote-all in favor.

Nancy, Keri and Jace of Heartland Business Solutions joined meeting via Zoom and Sorensen explained that IP Pathways will be terminating their contract on June 11, 2022 and we will need backup and keys in place. Recorder Bills explained that the Microsoft accounts are being taken care of but the onsite backup is of concern. Questions were asked and answered with HBS personnel and they will be attending the BOS meeting on June 14th for further discussion.

Auditor Frederiksen presented letter requesting recount for Precinct 2 for the Primary Election due to a reported discrepancy between the OVO counter reading one vote higher than the number of voters registered on eligibility slips. This was an issue with election equipment throughout the state. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to accept Auditor's request for administrative recount for Precinct 2 for the June 7, 2022 Primary Election. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve minutes of May 31, 2022 meeting. Vote-all in favor.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve the payment of claims as submitted by various departments, Emergency Management Director, E911 Director and Assessor as listed in a separate publication following these minutes in the amount of \$1,406,559.60. Vote-all in favor. Vote-VanAernam Second-Sorensen to approve Recorder's and Clerk of Court's month-end reports. Vote-all in favor.

County Engineer Mitch Rydl discussed the amended IDOT Secondary Roads department budget. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve and adopt amended IDOT Secondary Roads Department budget. Vote-all in favor. Necessary documents were signed and Engineer will forward them on. Rydl discussed bridge projects and Board gave approval to pull employees off work on LE10 bridge project for a short time to assist with necessary work on LE20 project. All rock has been removed from the laydown yard and discussion was held on the intersection changes to be made which Duane Deist has approved. Rydl stated there will need to be an easement on a small parcel of land and Attorney is reviewing the documents. Rydl will be meeting with NextEra next week for completion issues.

Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve EPS asbestos work removal. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Sorensen Second-Thompson to approve deletion #0730 Assessor's cabinet. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve transfer of asset #0724 data cabinet from Assessor's to Sheriff Department. Vote-all in favor. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve MMP annual updates for: Daren Lauritsen (home place) #62130, Hansen Farms (home place) #62063 and Linde Feeders (Josh Linde) #65395. Vote-all in favor.

Attorney Chris Swensen reviewed details of the award issued by Department of Justice to Angie Baylor for excellence in victim witness services. She was nominated by Bev Gross of Cass County and award was presented to Angie here in the Courthouse. Attorney also relayed he had reviewed the Tyler contract and feels Tyler is obligated to train the necessary personnel. Auditor and Treasurer stated there had always been someone onsite when training before. Chairman Sorensen called Ron Pieracci, Senior Account Executive with Tyler Technologies and after discussion on problems we are having with Tyler and training Pieracci asked that the Auditor and Treasurer provide a punch list of issues. This was done by end of meeting.

EMA-E911 Director Tyler Thygesen joined meeting and showed coverage drawings if a new tower were to be erected on Heron Avenue South of Hwy 44. This would be a 200 ft tower near a hog confinement unit. Chris of Motorola joined conversation via Zoom and provided input. This would help the southern part of the county on mobile units but would probably provide less coverage for Audubon area. Board stated they want to place a tower where it will serve the county citizens the best. No decisions made.

Election official wages were discussed and the importance of having qualified people to work the polls during elections. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to approve \$15.00 for chairperson(s) and \$13.50 per hour for other precinct election officials. Vote-all in favor. After review of proposal Motion-VanAernam Second-Thompson to approve purchase of Adkins election equipment for Election Department. Vote-all in favor.

Bill Cramer joined meeting and questioned how to go about applying for the Valley Business Park funding they received. Chairman Sorensen stated Cramer should contact Sara Slater at ACED. Cramer is concerned about a home in Gray that needs to be demolished. Motion-Thompson Second-VanAernam to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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Audubon County Deputy Auditor